# Innovation Voucher Provider Listing

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## *Higher Education*

### University of Minnesota - Office of University Economic Development

**Website:**      http://www.research.umn.edu/business/resources.html

**Email:**        frontdoor@umn.edu

**Location:**     (Mulitple Locations),Minnesota

**Phone:**        612-626-3438

**Description:**  The University of Minnesota has diverse resources to meet the research and development needs of the Food/Agricultural, Health/Life Sciences, Engineering and Manufacturing industries throughout the state. The Office of University Economic Development serves as the public face for economic development for the University, strengthening ties to business and community partners and helping to grow and diversify Minnesota's economy. We are ready to partner with Minnesota businesses to advance innovation through research, development and technology.

**Services:**     Research, Technical development, Product development, Commercialization, Market development, Technology exploration, Improved business practices

### University of Minnesota Duluth -  Natural Resources Research Institute

**Website:**      www.nrri.umn.edu

**Email:**        bbrashaw@nrri.umn.edu

**Location:**      Duluth, MN

**Phone:**        218-720-4248

**Description:**  The Natural Resources Research Institute (NRRI) at the University of Minnesota Duluth provides Minnesota with innovative small business support to advance research, development, and commercialization of new or innovative products and services. Our proven research and proof-of-concept teams engage businesses and entrepreneurs in many sectors including green products, wood products, mining, renewable energy,

natural resources, and general manufacturing. NRRI helps businesses through research, product development, technical assistance, prototyping, market development, continuous improvement, and business planning. Recognized for its success, NRRI received a 2014 Bronze Excellence in Economic Development Award in Sustainable & Green Development from the International Economic Development Council (IEDC).

**Services:** Research, Technical development, Product development, Commercialization, Market development, Technology exploration, Improved business practices

## Pine Technical & Community College - Pine Innovation Center

**Website:** www.pine.edu

**Email:** Spaethj@pine.edu

**Location:** Pine City, MN

**Phone:** 320-629-5175

**Contact:** Jason Spaeth, Director, Pine Innovation Center/Customized Training

**Description:** The Pine Innovation Center, a division of Pine Technical & Community College, operates a business incubator for new businesses or for businesses that are expanding. Beyond incubation space, we provide technical expertise and training in product & market development, manufacturing processes, business practices, and automation. The business incubator is designed for manufacturing but our technical services span several industries including: Information Technology, Healthcare, Manufacturing, and Education.

**Services:** Technical development, Product development, Commercialization, Market development, Technology exploration, Improved business practices

*Non-Profits*

## **Dovetail Partners, Inc.**

**Website:**       www.dovetailinc.org

**Email:**        jeff@dovetailinc.org

**Location:**     Minneapolis

**Phone:**        612-333-0430

**Contact:**      Jeff Howe

**Description:**  Dovetail offers technology transfer, product development, manufacturing process optimization (i.e. hardware), management systems analysis and improvement, process systems analysis and improvement (both human and production), and energy usage management.

**Services:**     Technical development, Product development, Commercialization, Market development, Technology exploration, Improved business practices